The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

From *Thurſday February* 2. to *Saturday February* 4. 1709.

From my own Apartment, February 3.

WHEN my Paper for to Morrow was prepared for the Preſs, there came in this Morning a Mail from *Holland*, which brought me ſeveral Advices from Foreign Parts, and took my Thoughts off Domeſtick Affairs. Among others, I have a Letter from a Burgher of *Amſterdam*, who makes me his Compliments, and tells me, he has ſent me ſeveral Draughts of Humorous and Satyrical Pictures by the beſt Hands of the *Dutch* Nation. They are a trading People, and in their very Minds Mechanicks. They expreſs their Wit in Manufacture, as we do in Manuſcript. He informs me, That a very witty Hand has lately repreſented the preſent Poſture of Publick Affairs in a Landskip, or rather Sea-piece, wherein the Potentates of the Alliance are figured as their Intereſts correſpond with, or affect each other, under the Appearance of Commanders of Ships. Theſe Veſſels carry the Colours of the reſpective Nations concerned in the preſent War. The whole Deſign ſeems to tend to one Point, which is, That ſeveral Squadrons of *Britiſh* and *Dutch* Ships are battering a *French* Man of War, in order to make her deliver up a long Boat with *Spaniſh* Colours. My Correſpondent informs me, That a Man muſt underſtand the Compaſs perfectly well, to be able to comprehend the Beauty and Invention of this Piece, which is ſo skilfully drawn, that the particular Views of every Prince in *Europe*, are ſeen according as the Ships lie to the main Figure in the Picture, and as that Figure may help or retard their Sailing. It ſeems this Curioſity is now on Board a Ship bound for *England*, and with other Rarities made a preſent to me. As ſoon as it arrives, I deſign to expoſe it to publick View at my Secretary Mr. *Lillie*'s, who ſhall have an Explication of all the Terms of Art; and I doubt not but it will give as good Content as the Moving Picture in *Fleet-ſtreet*.

But above all the Honours I have received from the learned World abroad, I am moſt delighted with the following Epiſtle from *Rome*.

Paſquin *of* Rome, *to* Iſaac Bickerſtaff *of* Great Britain, *Greeting*.

SIR,

'YOur Reputation has paſſed the *Alps*, and would have come to my Ears by this Time, if I had any. In ſhort, Sir, you are looked upon here as a *Northern* Drole, and the greateſt Vertuoſo among the *Tramontanes*. Some indeed ſay, That Mr. *Bickerſtaff* and *Paſquin* are only Names invented, to Father Compoſitions which the natural Parent does not care for owning. But however that is, all agree, that there are ſeveral Perſons, who, if they durſt attack you, would endeavour to leave you no more Limbs than I have.

'I need not tell you that my Adverſaries have joined in a Confederacy with *Time* to demoliſh me, and that, if I were not a very great Wit, I ſhould make the worſt Figure in *Europe*, being abridged of my Legs, Arms, Noſe, and Ears. If you think fit to accept of the Correſpondence of ſo facetious a Cripple, I ſhall from Time to Time ſend you an Account of what happens at *Rome*. You have only heard of it from *Latin* and *Greek* Authors; may, perhaps, have read no Accounts from hence, but of a Triumph, Oration, or Apotheoſis, and will, doubtleſs, be ſurprized to ſee the Deſcription of a Proceſſion, Jubile, or Canonization. I ſhall however ſend you what the Place affords, in Return to what I ſhall receive from you. If you will acquaint me with your next Promotion of General Officers, I will ſend you an Account of our next Advancement of Saints. If you will let me know who is reckoned the braveſt Warrior in *Great Britain*, I'll tell you who is the beſt Fiddler in *Rome*. If you will favour me with an Inventory of the Riches that were brought into your Nation by Admiral *Wager*, I will not fail giving you an Account of a Pot of Medals that has been lately dug up here, and are now under the Examination of our Miniſters of State.

'There is one Thing in which I deſire you would be very particular. What I mean, is an exact Liſt of all the Religions in *Great Britain*, as likewiſe the Habits, which are ſaid here to be the great Points of Conſcience in *England*, whether they are made of Serge or Broad-Cloth, of Silk or Linen. I ſhould be glad to ſee a Model of the moſt conſcientious Dreſs amongſt you, and deſire you would ſend me an Hat of each Religion; as likewiſe, if it be not too much Trouble, a Cravat. It would alſo be very acceptable here to receive an Account of thoſe Two religious Orders which are lately ſprung up amongſt you, the *Whigs* and the *Tories*, with the Points of Doctrine Severities in Diſcipline, Penances, Mortifications, and good Works, by which they differ one from another. It would be no leſs kind if you would explain to us a Word which they do not underſtand even at our *Engliſh* Monaſtery, *Toaſts*, and let us know whether the Ladies ſo called are Nuns or Lay-Sifters.

'In Return, I will ſend you the ſecret Hiſtory of ſeveral Cardinals, which I have by me in Manuſcript, with Gallantries, Amours, Politicks, and Intrigues, by which they made their Way to the holy Purple.

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'But when I propoſe a Correſpondence, I muſt not tell you what I intend to adviſe you of hereafter, and neglect to give you what I have at preſent. The Pope has been ſick for this Fortnight of a violent Tooth-Ach, which has very much raiſed the *French* Faction, and put the Conclave into a great Ferment. Every one of the Pretenders to the Succeſſion, is grown Twenty Years older than he was a Fortnight ago. Each Candidate tries who ſhall cough and ſtoop moſt; for theſe are at preſent the great Gifts that recommend to the Apoſtolical Seat, which he ſtands the faireſt for, who is likely to reſign it the ſooneſt. I have known the Time when it uſed to rain Louis-d'Ors on ſuch Occaſions; but whatever is the Matter, there are very few of them to be ſeen at preſent at *Rome*, inſomuch that it is thought a Man might purchaſe Infallibility at a very reaſonable Rate. It is nevertheleſs hoped, that his Holineſs may recover, and bury theſe his imaginary Succeſſors.

'There has lately been found an human Tooth in a Catecomb, which has engaged a Couple of Convents in a Law-Suit; each of them pretending, That it belonged to the Jaw-bone of a Saint who was of their Order. The College have ſate upon it thrice, and I find there is a Diſpoſition among them to take it out of the Poſſeſſion of both the contending Parties, by Reaſon of a Speech which was made by one of the Cardinals, who, by Reaſon of its being found out of the Company of any other Bones, aſſerted, That it might be one of the Teeth which was coughed out by *Ælia*, an old Woman whoſe Loſs is recorded in *Martial*.

'I have nothing remarkable to communicate to you of State-Affairs, excepting only, that the Pope has lately received an Horſe from the *German* Ambaſſador, as an Acknowledgment for the Kingdom of *Naples*, which is a Fief of the Church. His Holineſs refuſed this Horſe from the *Germans* ever ſince the Duke of *Anjou* has been poſſeſſed of *Spain*; but as they lately took Care to accompany it with a Body of Ten thouſand more, they have at laſt overcome his Holineſs's Modeſty, and prevailed upon him to accept the Preſent.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt Obedient,

Humble Servant,

PASQUIN.

P. S. *Morſorio* is very much yours.

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The Certificate given to Sir William Read by the Univerſity of Dublin, ſigned by the Lord Biſhop Ferns and Leighlin, &c.

Trin. Col. near Dublin, March 7. 1684.

THO' the Art, Experience, and Reputation of Mr. William Read, Practitioner in Phyſick and Chirurgery, and a great Oculiſt, be ſufficiently known in England and Scotland, where he has long exerciſed his Skill with very good Succeſs; yet ſince he is but lately come into His Majeſty's Kingdom of Ireland, and has deſired our Teſtimonial concerning his Performance here, We do certify, That he has done ſeveral remarkable Cures with great Dexterity and Succeſs; as, the Couching of Cataracts, Cutting off Cancerated Breaſts, Mortified Arms and Legs (and very little Effuſion of Blood by Vertue of his excellent Styptick Water) ſeveral of which Operations we have with very much Satisfaction our ſelves ſeen him perform, as we do teſtify under our Hands and Seals, the Day and Year above-written. Narciſſus Ferns and Leighlin. Robert Huntington Provoſt. Allen Mullin, M. D.

In a Month will be publiſhed,

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THeſe are to acquaint the Lovers of Art, That there is an extraordinary Collection of Italian Drawings and Prints of the moſt eminent Painters and Gravers to be ſold by Hand, the loweſt Price being ſet on the Back ſide of each; ſo that all Gentlemen will at Sight be informed of the Value. Note, that if any Perſon has either fine Drawings, Prints, Pictures, or other Rarities, they may be diſpoſed of in the ſame Manner, paying Poundage for ſuch as are ſold. There is conſtant Attendance from 10 of the Clock in the Morning to 5 in the Afternoon, at the Houſe on the Right Hand going up to the Houſe of Lords in the Old Palace-yard, Weſtminſter.

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